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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case No. 02-398-B

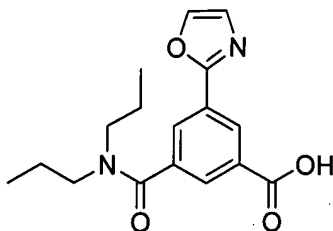
In re Application of:)	
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Reeder, et al.)	
)	Before the Examiner:
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Serial No.: 10/600,100)	
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Filed: June 20, 2003)	Art Unit: 1626
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For: Process for Preparing)	
Oxazole Intermediates)	
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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
MAILED JUNE 30, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 30, 2005, the Applicants select Group II, i.e., claims 26-32 for prosecution. The Applicants further elect the following species for prosecution:



To generate this compound from the structure in claim 26, the following definitions are assigned to the variables: R_4 and R_5 are both C_3 alkyl; R_2 and R_3 are both hydrogen; and R_1 is OH.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 913-2114 if the Examiner believes that this would expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

July 29, 2005

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